



Volume XLII No. 4 Brentwood, New Hampshire April 2018

# **ELECTION & TOWN MEETING RESULTS**

The voting season in Brentwood is over. There were some very impassioned opinions leading up to election and Town Meeting days. I am a strong believer in getting involved. Thanks to all who took the time to learn about the issues, ask questions, talk to candidates, come out on a snowy day to cast your ballot, and spend half of your Saturday discussing and voting on issues that will impact you and your neighbors for years to come. Many elected positions go unopposed. If you feel you would well represent town residents, consider running for office next year. At the least, perhaps sit in on a Selectmen's meeting or other committee meeting to learn more about the process.

**Elections:** We have two first-time selectmen representing us: Phyllis Thompson and Bill Faria. Other results were Richard Chamberlain, Moderator; Daphne Woss, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Melinda Nordell and Linda MacDonald, Supervisors of the Checklist; David Menter, Cemetery Trustee; Keith Levitsky and Liz Faria, Budget Committee; Julie Avant, Trustee of the Trust Funds; Stephen Hamilton and Mark Kennedy, Planning Board; Tracy Waldron and Liz McConnell, Library Trustees. The full list of each board and committee can be found on the town website at www.brentwoodnh.gov.

**Swasey School Elections:** Scott Dennehy and Thad Riley were elected to the Swasey School Board. Also elected were John Mitchell as Treasurer, Phyllis Thompson as Clerk, and Doug Cowie as Moderator.

**Ballot Questions:** Brentwood did not have an open seat on the cooperative board this year, but you may see the results at <a href="https://www.brentwoodnh.gov">www.brentwoodnh.gov</a>.

The ballot questions, in town and in the district were as follows:

- CMS bond failed in Brentwood and failed overall.
- CMS Operating budget failed in Brentwood, but passed overall.
- CMS Collective Bargaining Agreement passed in Brentwood and passed overall.
- EHS Turf replacement failed in Brentwood, but passed overall.

The zoning amendment to include non-permanent structures in the property development standards passed.

**Town Meeting:** 24 Warrant Articles were discussed and voted on at Town Meeting. Following are the results:

- The article to allow Keno was tabled to next year.
- General Municipal Operations: Was amended to include \$23,630, with the intent of the voters to have those funds added to the salary of Wayne Robinson, Road Agent. The total town operating budget passed was \$3,865,776.

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Newly elected Brentwood officials include (I-r): John Mitchell, Thad Riley, Scott Dennehy, Bill Faria, Daphne Woss, Phyllis Thompson, Liz Faria, Linda MacDonald, Mark Kennedy, Liz McConnell, Melinda Nordell, Doug Cowie, David Menter, and Richard Chamberlain.



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#### **TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR**

Phone: 642-6400 ext 14 Mon., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Tuesday 8:30 am - 7 pm Friday 8:30 am - 4 pm

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Phone: 642-6400 ext 10 Fax: 642-6310 Monday–Thursday 8 am - 4 pm

# PLANNING BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Phone: 642-6400 ext 16
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday
of the month at 7 pm

#### **BRENTWOOD POLICE**

Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: 642-8817

#### **BRENTWOOD FIRE**

Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: 642-8132

#### MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355
E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
 www.brentwoodlibrary.org

Monday 2-7 pm
Tues. & Weds. 9 am - 5 pm
Thursday 9 am - 7 pm
Friday & Saturday 9 am - 1 pm
Story Hours
Tuesday and Wednesday 10:30 am
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 2 pm

#### SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487 Swasey on the Web: scs.sau16.org SAU 16 on the Web: www.sau16.org

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

Submissions for the following month must be received by the 15th. Send your news to

Email: brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

# **Recycling Pickup Dates**

April 3 & 4 April 17 & 18

Waste Tonnage Figures	January	February
Tons, mixed solid waste	132.33	83.04
Tons, recycled goods	28.10 (17.5%)	29.52 (26.2%)

### The Select Board Spring and Summer Meeting Schedule (April through August)

The board will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. The public is always welcome. If you would like to be added to the official agenda, please contact Karen Clement by the Monday before the next meeting. All Brentwood residents are welcome to speak to the board with their business.

Karen Clement, Town Administrator

### Town Clerk Notes

- We only accept CASH OR CHECKS. When registering your car, please bring TWO checks, one for the state and one for the town.
- When transferring your plates, please bring in your old registration to return to the state. A copy will cost \$17.50.
- We are able to register BOATS, OHRV, Snowmobiles and provide hunting/fishing licenses.
- Dog Licenses are available!! All current (green) dog licenses expire April 20, 2018.
- Save the date: Annual Rabies Clinic at the Brentwood Fire Department on Rte 125 and Middle Road on April 14, from 9 am to 12 pm.

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector

### Thank You to the March Newsletter Crew

Thank You to all of the volunteers who showed up at the Town Office to help with folding and stamping of the March edition. Each month we finish just a little faster than the last! If you can help the *Newsletter* crew by forming a group of 6 to 8 volunteers to fold, seal and label one month, please contact Robin or Michelle at brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

# **Business Advertising**

Half and full-page business promotions are available for purchase in the *Brentwood Newsletter*. The cost is \$100 for a half-page submission and \$200 for a full-page submission. Business articles may include one photograph. If you would like to submit a write-up telling our readers about your business, please forward to <a href="mailto:brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com">brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com</a>. Checks should be made out to *Brentwood Newsletter* and mailed to The Brentwood Newsletter c/o 102 Middle Road, Brentwood NH 03833. Submissions and payments may also be dropped off at the Town Office.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Do you have an important milestone you'd like included in the Brentwood Newsletter? A marriage, birth, university graduation or milestone anniversary? Please send your announcements - and photos – to brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

### **Easter Services Around Town**

### First Baptist Church - Brentwood, 201 North Road

Easter Sunrise service will be held at 6:30 am, weather permitting. An Easter Breakfast will be available from 7:15 am. \$8.00/pp kids under 8 eat free. Easter Service will be celebrated at 10:00 am.

Come join us in celebration!

#### **Grace Ministries International, 263 Route 125**

Grace Ministries International would like to invite you to celebrate Easter Service with us at 10:00 am.

A Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will run from 8:00 - 11:00 am. Ticket price is by donation. Breakfast is compliments of Life Scout Parker Stead of Troop 185 as part of his Eagle Scout Project to raise funds for Austin 17 House dance room renovations.

Bring your family and friends and start your day with a great morning get-together celebration.

### Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 197 Middle Road (Rte. 111A)

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will begin at 7:00 am on the hill next to the church.

A Community Breakfast Buffet will be offered from 7:30 - 9:30 am (we accept a free will offering).

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all ages beginning at 9:30 am. Our Joyous Easter Worship will start at 10:00 am.

Pilgrim Church is an accessible, Just-Peace, Open and Affirming congregation of the UCC. All are Welcome!

The congregation of Pilgrim United Church of Christ warmly invites you to a Service of Installation for Reverend Tara K. Olsen Allen as Pastor and Teacher on Sunday, May 6, at 3:00 pm. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

# **Brentwood Fire Department News**

As the snow melts, many people will be cleaning yards and burning brush. Unless you have full coverage of snow, you need a permit to burn! You may burn brush after 5 pm and only brush less than 5 inches in diameter, no stumps, hazardous materials, or building debris. To obtain a permit, call the fire station at 603-642-8132 before 4:30 pm.

### Coffee with the Chief

Come enjoy a cup of coffee and meet our new Police Chief Ellen Arcieri.

Will there be donuts? You'll have to come and see!



April 20th

**Brentwood Recreation Center** 9:00 am to 11:00 am

### **Brentwood Rabies Clinic**

Brentwood will hold its annual Rabies Clinic at the Brentwood Fire Department on Rte. 125 and Middle Road on April 14, from 9 am to 12 pm. Brentwood residents will also be able to register their dogs and everyone who wants to can get their pets micro-chipped at the clinic. The cost for the rabies shots will be \$15.00 each and for the micro chipping the cost is \$25.00. The clinic is open to all.

### Thank You!

Thank you to Leslie & Jonathan Morgan for providing the poll workers with coffee, it was very much appreciated!

Thank you to Carole Belliveau, Martha Clark, Alma Vahey, Joyce Keegle, and Kristin Patch for coming out in the snow to work the polls. Also to the Ladies Auxillary, along with Bonny Hunt, Phyllis Thompson, Diane Robinson, and Lisa Colombo, for feeding all the workers!

Thank you Bob Mantegari, David Menter, Jeff Bryan, and Thad Riley for keeping the walkways safe and cleaning off all our cars at the end of the night. We were all so grateful!

And to all the plow workers, you made it possible for people to come out and vote. Thank you all!

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector

# A Fond Farewell



It is with much appreciation for their hard work and leadership that I would like to say Thank You to Ken Christiansen and Jeff Bryan for their service as Brentwood Selectmen and on other boards and committees. I have great respect for you both for stepping up to serve our community.

Your names are now written into the history of Brentwood.

Robin Wrighton

# With Deepest Sympathy

Charles Lloyd Roberts, 77 passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness on February 22, 2018. Charlie is survived by his wife of fortynine years, Ellen (Tierney); two sons and their wives, Brian and Amy Roberts of Newburyport, MA, Sean and Abby Roberts of Nahant, MA; five grandchildren; three sisters; and many lifelong friends.

Ronald L. Scagliotti, 71, died unexpectedly on February 14, 2018 in Bradenton, FL. Ronald grew up in Epping, NH. After starting his family, Ronald moved to Brentwood and resided there for many years. He was a longtime employee of Sanel Auto Parts of Exeter, NH, and later had his own business known as Ronald L. Scagliotti Trucking. Upon retiring, Ronald moved to Florida. He is survived by two daughters, Lisa Sheehan and Julie Scagliotti, both of Greenland; three grandchildren; his sister Denise Edwards of Exeter; two nephews, and one niece.

# From the Cemetery Clerk

To purchase a cemetery lot or for more information about the Tonry Cemetery, please call Phyllis Thompson at 603-642-8896.

Phyllis Thompson, Cemetery Clerk

### **Brentwood Democratic Committee**

Deglan McEachern, candidate for US Congress, and Joe Pace, candidate for Executive Council, will be speaking and answering questions at the next Brentwood Democratic Committee Meeting, **April 2nd**, 7:00 pm, at 18 Sherman Ave. All are welcome to attend.

# 7th Annual Brentwood Roadside Clean-Up

The Brentwood Conservation Commission will be holding the 7th Annual Roadside Clean-Up and Barbeque on **Saturday, April 21** from 10 am to noon. Thanks to the Pilgrim Church, we will again be meeting in their parking lot at 197 Middle Road beginning at 10 am. We will have bags and gloves for anyone who needs them. You can work in your own neighborhood or meet us at the Pilgrim Church parking lot and work in groups. Even if you are working in your own neighborhood, please come and join us in celebrating your community's hard work with a barbeque lunch and ice cream at noon.

Call 603-498-9469 if you have questions or to add locations to our list of areas to send volunteers to during our clean-up event.

Heather Dudley-Tatman, Brentwood Conservation Commission

### **Future of CMS Renovation**

**April 17th** at EHS, 6:00 pm. Meeting between Co-op Facilities Committee and the CMS Renewal Committee (not televised). Co-op meeting, 7:00 pm (televised).

### **Public Access for Brentwood**

Please join a Brentwood Study Group to investigate the plausibility of having all Selectboard public meetings available in some format for Brentwood residents to access the proceedings anytime - anywhere.

Robert Glowacky, Peter Foster and Selectboard member Andrew Artimovich are requesting other Brentwood residents to participate in a feasibility study to find an affordable way to film and publish the Board's proceedings.

You need not be a computer wizard or have a film background to participate, just an interest in searching out information from other towns and canvassing what Brentwood residents need and want with respect to having public sessions available to keep in touch if unable to attend the weekly meetings or find the minutes insufficient to keep informed.

Please contact Peter Foster: peterandrebeccafoster@gmail.com or call 603-512-9531 with any questions or to sign up to participate.

# April Happenings at <u>YOUR</u> Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

**New Children's Librarian!** We are excited to welcome Janice Wiers to the Brentwood Community in April as she begins her new position as Children's Librarian. Please come by and say hello to Janice.

**Congratulations** to our new Board of Trustee members, Tracy Waldron and Liz McConnell!

**Saturday, April 7th** @ 9:30 am - 1 pm – Seacoast Modern Quilt Guild meets in the basement.

**Tuesday, April 10th** @ 6 - 7 pm – The Port & Plum of Newburyport will let you taste their unique array of flavored olive oils and vinegars, as well as give you great cooking tips! The program will meet in the basement (Ages 15 & up).

**Thursday, April 12th** @ 7 - 8:30 pm – Come see Preston Heller, "The Mentalist" and his incredible ability to awe audiences by his unusual power of prediction. The program is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods for their local food pantry (Ages 12 & up).

**Monday, April 23rd - Friday, April 27th** – School Vacation Week! There will be a variety of fun activities for kids of all ages. Check out our website, <u>brentwoodlibrary.org</u>, or our Facebook page, Brentwood NH MEB Library, for updates.

**Monday, April 30th** @ 7 pm –The Bookers will meet. Book TBD. Check out our website <u>brentwoodlibrary.org</u>, or our Facebook page, Brentwood NH MEB Library, for an update.

**LINE DANCING** will start back up in May, instead of April, due to scheduling conflicts. Please contact the library (642-3355 or <a href="mailto:bartlettlibrary@comcast.net">bartlettlibrary@comcast.net</a>), sign up and let us know days and times you are available. Classes offered: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Classes will be capped at 12 participants. Days and times TBD (Ages 18 & up).

#### **April's Documentaries at the Library**

April 2nd @ 6 pm: The Age of Consequences. This documentary examines the immigration crises as it is accentuated by climate change. So many people, so little arable land, so much need.

**April 16th** @ 6 pm: Lost Boundaries. A film about a Portsmouth, New Hampshire doctor who is "passing" for white and the consequences when his ancestry is discovered. It is actually not a documentary, but a fictionalized true story filmed in the 1940s. With a very young looking (and handsome) Mel Ferrer as the doctor and some very attractive cinematography and views of our state.

Kathy Sperounis, Library Director

# Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library

Mark your calendars: The Basement Bookstore will be open April 14 and 28 from 10 am - 12 pm. New selections for all ages are added regularly. Come fill a bag for only \$5! Also note, the annual Book & Bake Sale, in conjunction with the Garden Club's Plant Sale, will be May 19. Save the date!

Did you know your donations enable the Friends to provide discount museum passes like reduced admission for 4 people to the Children's Museum of NH (for an annual fee of \$300)? Did you know the Children's Museum of NH offers hands-on discovery for children of all ages? Did you know the museum offers STEAM Innovation Lab, First Friends Playgroup & Baby Story Time, Wee Ones Wednesday? Did you know they are sensitive to individuals with special needs and offer Explore Our Way, an exclusive time for children on the autism spectrum, in addition to making everyday accommodations available? Did you know they have Alzheimer's Cafe? Did you know they have an outdoor playground? Well, now you do! Reserve your pass online or in person at the checkout counter - don't forget April vacation is coming up!

Keep an eye out for our upcoming Membership Drive Letter. This is our primary source of fundraising which enables us to pay for museum passes, programs and supplemental materials not covered by the library budget. We're excited about this year's fundraising goals and think you will be too! You don't have to wait for the letter to make your tax-deductible donation. There are donation envelopes at the library's checkout counter, and a PayPal button on the Friends' page of the library's website: www.brentwoodlibrary.org/friends. You can also donate directly from the Friends' Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FriendsofMEBLibrary.

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be Wednesday, April 12 at 12:30 pm. If it's easier for you to attend an evening meeting, we will meet Monday, May 14 at 6:30 pm. You can attend a meeting and check us out without committing to anything further... although we'd love to have you continue with us.

### A Comfy Place for Teens!

Teens, come and check out the new Yogibo FUNiture in the teen area. We are in the process of making it a great area for you to meet up with friends and relax with a good book. Come try out the new seating anytime the library is open!

Jessica Paul, Secretary for Friends of the Library

### **Brentwood Conservation Commission**

The Conservation Commission is currently looking for members and alternate members. Join us in our efforts to protect and preserve Brentwood's natural resources.

The Conservation Commission has two broad responsibilities. We evaluate and make recommendations to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) on permit applications for work in or near wetlands. We also make recommendations to the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on matters pertaining to wetlands or water-related zoning overlay districts and site plan reviews.

The Conservation Commission also works with landowners in town to encourage and facilitate the preservation of open space through conservation easements. Conserving land can provide a lot of benefits to the town. It helps to protect our drinking water, maintains beautiful spaces for the public to enjoy, ensures sufficient habitat for native wildlife, provides opportunities for outdoor recreation, keeps farmland available to feed the community, and perpetuates the rural feel of the town. The Commission is also responsible for the oversight, annual monitoring, and enforcement of those conservation easements held by the Town.

The Commission spearheads efforts to keep Brentwood beautiful and its water clean. We have completed projects to improve stormwater management on the Exeter River, initiated a water quality survey of the town's rivers, manage an annual roadside clean-up day, and are currently working with the Trails Committee to improve the trails on town-owned land

If you'd like to support this important work, please consider joining the Conservation Commission. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7 pm at the Town Office. To learn more, email conservation@brentwoodnh.gov or call Jeff Donald at 793-9768. The public is welcome to attend Conservation Commission meetings.

# Gardeners Will Focus on Gourd Raising and Decoration

The Brentwood Gardeners will meet Tuesday, April 17, at 7 pm at the Pilgrim Church on Middle Road. The guest speaker will be Leah Reed, Gourd Artist, Teacher and Art Supply Retailer. She will talk about raising gourds and the many ways of using them and decorating with them, going "from vine to design." She has an extensive website, www.bluewhalearts.com. Her business, Blue Whale Arts, is on Jenness Road in Epping. She is a national award-winning gourd artist. Although initially self-taught, she has studied with nationally renowned artists. She will bring many items and materials to show.

Gardeners' meetings and programs are open to friends and guests. For more information about the group, please contact one of the copresidents, Torie Freeman, 778-3747, torielfreeman1@gmail.com, or Linda Rousseau, 772-4534, lindarou@comcast.net.

Linda Rousseau

### **Brentwood Pack 192**

The Annual Pinewood Derby was held on March 10th at the Rec Center in Brentwood. It was a fun day of racing and cheering on friends. The overall pack winner for 2018 was Tyler Bigelow. Den winners were Jamie Nowell (Lions), Luke Morrow (Tigers), Chase Barrett (Wolves), Joshua Plunkett (Bears), and Tyler Bigelow (Webelos). Congratulations to all the scouts who built and raced their cars this year!

We are pleased to announce that Garett Lasewicz has been awarded the Unit Leader Award of Merit in recognition of his leadership in presenting a superior Scouting program for youth in the Brentwood community. In addition, Brentwood Pack 192 received the 2017 Gold Journey to Excellence award, which is given to the top 10 percent of units nationwide. Units must provide a balanced program showing excellence across the categories of finance, membership, program, unit service, leadership, and governance.

It's April and that means it's time for the annual Earth Day roadside cleanup! Cub Scouts will be participating in the roadside cleanup again this year. This is just one of the many community service activities that we participate in throughout the year. For more information, or to find out how to help, email brentwoodpack192@gmail.com.

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in the fall of 2018? Brentwood has a Lion's Den (specifically for Kindergarten aged boys and girls). Find out more about Scouting in your community at beascout.org, or email brentwoodpack192@gmail.com for more information.

Amy Brown for Pack 192



Den winners: Joshua Plunkett (Bears), Tyler Bigelow (Webelos), Jamie Nowell (Lions), Chase Barrett (Wolves) and Luke Morrow (Tigers).

### Cookie Sales Success

Brentwood Brownie Troop #51211 would like to thank the residents of Brentwood for supporting their 2018 cookie sales campaign!

The Brownies developed their business sense, sharpened their math skills, tested their fortitude while selling outdoors in some very cold winter weather, and had a whole lot of fun while raising money to go camping. The girls not only met, but exceeded their goals for this year thanks in large part to your generosity. With a commitment to service, these 3rd graders also gathered enough donations to purchase 38 boxes of cookies to hand out to soldiers coming through Pease airport on their way to Afghanistan.

Special thanks to Brentwood Country Store, Lowe's, and Walmart for providing the girls with space to set up their sales booth.

Kathleen Kelley and Julie Morrow for Brownie Troop #51211



# Historical Society to Host New Program

"The Conservation Story in Brentwood" The Brentwood Historical Society will sponsor an evening devoted to a subject it has never focused on before: "The Conservation Story in Brentwood." It will take place on Thursday evening, April 12th, at 7 pm at the Historical Society Museum.

Douglas Cowie, who has served in several town positions as well as almost all the conservation projects, will lead the audience in looking back on the many aspects of the movement – the trials and tribulations as well as triumphs and accomplishments. He will mention two families who have made especially significant contributions in this area. Members of those families will be present, and will be encouraged to confirm or fill in the details. Other residents in the audience will also be welcome to add to the story.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Brentwood residents felt like dutiful and righteous citizens when they took their loads of trash and garbage to the town dump. Soon they were feeling confused and discomfited by new words and phrases - hazardous waste, recycling, waste stream, biodegradable, and before long – land management, conservation easements, setbacks, buffer zones, lot size by soil type. The era of conservation crept in slowly, but steadily. Some people wanted nothing to do with it, others have worked long and hard to make those new words and concepts a natural part of town life today. The April 12 program will recap the work of the past thirty years.

The Brentwood Historical Society Museum is located at 140 Crawley Falls Road. This program is free and open to the public. For driving directions and other information about the Historical Society, please visit <a href="https://www.brentwoodnhhistory.org">www.brentwoodnhhistory.org</a>, or contact the president, Rebecca Dunham, 642-3912.

#### **Antique Appraisal Day in June**

Responding to popular request, the Historical Society will present an Antique Appraisal Day on a Saturday in June. The exact date will be announced soon.

### Thanks to the Community for a Successful Bake Sale

In spite of the heavy snow and wind on Election Day, Brentwood residents were very supportive of the Historical Society Bake Sale, according to Rebecca Dunham. Many thanks to those who contributed so many high quality baked goods and especially to all who supported the Society with their purchases.

Linda Rousseau for the Brentwood Historical Society

# **Brentwood Parent Faculty Group**

Thank you to the Brentwood Teachers Association for providing babysitting during the March 9th School District Meeting. Teachers and CMS students from Brentwood volunteered their time so that parents could cast their votes. Thank you to all the community members who attended the meeting that night!

Everyone had a great time at family bingo night hosted by the PFG. Guests enjoyed a sundae bar and pizza from Brentwood Country Store. Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts. Because of your generosity we are able to provide our school with a variety of enrichment items and activities, show our support for staff, and plan or support SCS community events.

Spring hanging baskets from Wentworth Gardens will be available for purchase soon! These baskets are full of season-long color and make great additions to your outdoor home décor. Watch for more details and an order form in your child's Wednesday folder.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Square One art fundraiser! And a BIG thanks to Mrs. Buswell who helps the children create wonderful artwork every year!

Does your child LOVE to wear their Swasey spirit wear? Encourage them to wear it for the school shindig on the last Friday of each month. Don't have spirit wear? There are select sizes and colors still available. To order: <a href="http://bit.ly/2ENvN3w">http://bit.ly/2ENvN3w</a>

Box Tops collection boxes are out at SCS, Mary E. Bartlett Library and the Town Hall. Each box top earns our school \$0.10, so please send those box tops in, it really does add up!

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 17th** at 6:30 pm in the SCS Library. SCS parents are encouraged to attend.

Amy Brown for the PFG

# **Swasey Central School Report**

### 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registrations

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 30, 2018 and will be sending that child to Swasey kindergarten in the fall, please contact the main office and give them your name, address, telephone number, email, your child's name, date and place of birth. You can email Gennie at growe@sau16.org to provide this information.

The Book Fair will be held in the Library Media Center. Family shopping time will be held on Wednesday, April 4th from 1:00 - 7:00 pm.

Books can also be purchased online from April 4th through April 13th. For more information, please visit our Book Fair Home Page. If you order books online, they will be delivered to the school once the online fair closes. If you would like the books you order to be a surprise for your student, please be sure to email me so I can contact you when the books arrive. Mrs. Oxnard eoxnard@sau16.org.

**Brentwood School Board**, Monday, **April 2**, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Swasey Central School, 355 Middle Rd, Brentwood.

Early Release, 1 pm - Parent Conferences, Wednesday, April 4.

First Grade to Children's Museum, Thur, April 5, 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Jump Rope Club Show, Fri, April 6, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, EHS.

Grade 5 to Sargent Camp, April 9 - 13.

**PFG Meeting**, Tue, **April 17**, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, SCS Library.

Kindergarten Info Night, Thur, April 19, 6 pm - 7 pm.

**School Vacation**, Swasey Central School will be closed for Spring Vacation **April 23 - 27**.

Early Release, 1 pm - Teacher In-Service, Wednesday, May 2.



Swasey School welcomed the New England Brass Quartet in March. We learned so much about the brass instruments and enjoyed the high quality of music they performed.

# Election & Town Meeting Results, cont. from page 1

Warrant articles for additions to the following capital reserve funds passed: the solar array (\$17K), software for municipal operations (\$20K), hardware for municipal operations (\$20K), property revaluation (\$25K), maintenance of town buildings (\$50K), highway vehicles (\$50K), highway buildings (\$50K), town bridges (\$50K). Also approved was payment on the fire department pumper truck (\$89K), road repair (\$350K), police cruiser (\$40K), CASA (\$500), One Sky (\$1500), Children Chamber Fund (\$1000), Tonry Well (\$15K) and TASC (\$750). Warrant article 16 was withdrawn for erroneous language.

These five warrant articles failed: command vehicle for the fire department, donation to Chase Home, donation to Samaritans, proposal for a full time police chief and offshore wind recommendation.

Following are the increases as a result of ballot votes and approvals at Town Meeting:

Swasey Operating Budget \$.06 Swasey Teacher contract \$.15 Town Operating Budget \$.647 Town Warrant articles \$.0094 Cooperative Operating Budget \$.85 Cooperative Paraprofessional contract \$.05

That adds up to \$1.75 per \$1,000 home value. For a home valued at \$350,000 there will be an increase of approximately \$612 over last vear's tax bill.

Michelle Siudut



Following the election held on March 13th, two new members were elected to the Select Board. From left to right: Joyce Gallant, Assistant Town Treasurer, Phyllis Thompson (newly elected), Andrew Artimovich, Robert Mantagari (Chair), David Menter, and William Faria (newly elected).

# Letters to the Community

### Austin 17 House



On Sunday, 1 April, Austin 17 House, 263 Rte. 125 in Brentwood, NH, will host a delicious Pancake Breakfast in support of a project to renovate a dance room for area youth. This Eagle Scout project is being led by Parker Stead, a Life Scout of Boy Scout Troop 185. Parker's Eagle Scout dance room renovation project will help Austin 17 House, a non-profit child and teen organization in Brentwood that works to build an atmosphere of fun and self-acceptance, for the purpose of creating stronger community through collaboration, stronger leaders through mentorship and stronger families through education and support.

Parker is working diligently to renovate a dance room for the children and teens of Austin 17 House to give them extra opportunities to learn more about the benefits of dance, fitness, flexibility, and working together to reach a final goal. According to Parker, "I believe giving Austin 17 House the ability to introduce new programs into their organization will attract more kids that Austin 17 House has already

> graciously given to so many other teens. I could have done any other Eagle Project I wanted but realizing what Austin 17 House is doing for the community gave me a sense of a mission to help them in any way I can. I've been dedicating all of my time recently to complete this project, but every project comes at a price."

To raise the \$850.00 price tag for this project, Parker and Austin 17 House will be co-hosting a Pancake Breakfast on April 1st, 2018 from 8-11 am. The menu will include pancakes, bacon, coffee, juice, and fruit. Austin 17 House is located at 263 Route 125 in Brentwood, NH (across from Bessie's Lunch). Parker hopes all readers will be able to make it to the Pancake Breakfast to support his Eagle Scout project, but mostly, support Austin 17 House and all of the many wonderful things they do for the community. If you are interested in learning more about Parker's project, or have any questions please call Austin 17 House at 603-686-9505.

Editor's Note: Due to a typographical error, Warrant Article 16, to fund HAVEN in the amount of \$3,050, was technically disqualified from voter consideration at the 2018 Brentwood Town Meeting.

HAVEN asked to present this information about their organization so that you may better understand what they do.

The Brentwood Newsletter does not endorse, nor advocate for any charitable organization.



### **HAVEN**

For the past several months we have listened and watched as countless women and men have found the courage and bravery to share their stories of abuse and speak their truth. The #metoo movement was born and in December 2017, Time Magazine named "The Silence Breakers" Person of the Year. There is no escaping the reality that sexual and domestic violence is widespread and that it thrives in silence.

As the largest violence prevention and support service agency in New Hampshire, serving 48 cities and towns with a population of nearly 400,000, HAVEN is well versed on the pervasiveness of sexual and domestic violence, its root causes and its damaging effects. Our mission is to prevent sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking and to support and empower women, men, youth and families to heal from abuse and rebuild their lives.

Unlike most nonprofits, HAVEN's operations don't close at five o'clock: our crisis hotline never goes to voicemail and our trained staff and volunteers are available whenever and wherever a crisis arises. We do this for our neighbors as well as yours, for coworkers and relatives, adults and children.

In 2017, HAVEN provided support services to 17 Brentwood residents. The cost to deliver these services was \$5,940. HAVEN humbly asks that you consider the impact this violence is having in your community and donate to HAVEN today. Together, we can End Violence and Change Lives. We are a registered 501(C)3 – tax id 02-0337620 - all donations are tax deductible. Learn more at www.havennh.org.

Lorie Waltz-Gagnon, Development Director for HAVEN

# Letters to the Community Policy

We welcome your letters. Letters should be limited to one issue, contain no more than 250 words and include the writer's name. email, phone number, and address for verification. We edit letters for brevity, grammar, taste, and legal reasons. We reject personal attacks, form letters, and those appropriate for other sections of the Brentwood Newsletter.

Email your letters to: brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com

### **Brentwood Recreation News**

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Seniors: April's luncheon will be at 11:00 am on the 4th Wednesday (April 25th) at the community center.

**Adult Zumba:** March 22nd – May 10th (no class on 4/19 or 4/26). Join us at the community center on Thursday nights from 7:30 - 8:30 pm for Adult Zumba! Zumba Classes feature exotic rhythms set to highenergy Latin and international beats. Before participants know it, they're getting fit and their energy levels are soaring! \$5/class or \$20/6 lasses

Adult Pick-Up Pickleball: Wednesdays, March 7 - May 9th, 6:15 - 8:00 pm (does not meet 4/25). Join us for this FREE program at Swasey Central School gymnasium. All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. Pickleball is a low-impact sport that is a mix between tennis and badminton. Easy to learn and fun to play.

Adult Coed Softball: Registrations for Adult Coed Softball are now open. Deadline to register is May 18th. Captain's Meeting is May 10th, 6:30 pm at the town offices.

**Brentwood Summer Camp:** Resident and non-resident registrations are open for Brentwood Recreation Summer Camp. Camp operates Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, June 25th - August 10th. Grades: Entering 1st-6th. Rates increase after June 1st! Visit the Recreation Office or our website for Parent Handbook.

Spring/Summer Programs: Our 2018 spring and summer programs are now open for registration! Visit our website or stop by the recreation office to register for our upcoming programs! \*Watch for deadlines.

#### ONGOING RECREATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Adult Yoga Class: Brentwood Community Center. Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 7:45 pm. Join Cheryl Rossman RYT500, to relax and rejuvenate. \$64/eight-week session or \$10/class. For more information: www.letsgetmovin.com.

Yoga Movement For Seniors: FREE - Brentwood Community Center. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am.

Tang Soo Do Classes: Mondays and Fridays. Brentwood Community Center, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement officer Bob Meegan. He is a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

#### **COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a discounted rental rate! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application, or pick up an application at the Recreation office. For more information and to check availability, please contact the Recreation Department.

For information regarding programs, field rentals, or building rentals, please contact the Recreation Office at 603-642-6400 ext. 20, www.rec.brentwoodnh.gov

David Tovey, Brentwood Recreation Director

# The Story Corner

This story was published in the Winter 2017-2018 Brentwood Historical Society's newsletter. If you are not already a member, contact them today and join them as they preserve our town's past.

### The Legend of Brentwood's Four-Ox Bog

This story was passed on to me in August, 2017, by Rita Guarino. of Keene. Rita and Tony Guarino lived with their five children on Pickpocket Road for over 30 years, beginning in the 1970s. She wrote many articles for the *Brentwood Newsletter*. Her daughter Michelle married John Kareckas, a civil engineer who has worked all over the Seacoast and is deeply interested in New England history. Here is the story, in Jack Kareckas' words. Linda Rousseau

was told this story in 1974 by Lawrence Lyford while working with a survey crew on Alice Tonry's subdivision along Middle Road, opposite Prescott Road in Brentwood.

Lawrence happened to be driving by as we were traversing the bog, which is now one of the subdivision access roads [Bartlett Road]. He stopped and inquired, "Do you know you are crossing Four-Ox Bog?" Our party chief at the time, Bob Lessard, who grew up in Exeter, said he hadn't heard the legend.

As Lawrence went on, he explained that on the other side of the bog, not a very long distance, probably 100 feet or so, was one of the finest growing stands of Eastern White Pine in New Hampshire. Back in the day, loggers were setting out to harvest these magnificent trees, which had annual rings about 1/4-inch thick – meaning they really put on some wood every year and grew to tremendous heights.

We were crossing in winter, about the same time of year as the loggers of long ago. I guess they waited until the ground froze to make the crossing with their animals. There tragedy struck. The ground wasn't frozen enough to bear the weight of the oxen. They broke through and wallowed in the muck. Being much younger then, I thought [Lawrence meant] the oxen went in deep, like in guicksand. This was not the case. They went in up to their bellies and were stuck in the mud, not able to go either forward or backward.

Now today, if we have a two-wheel drive and get stuck, [we would think] perhaps a four-wheel drive could pull us out. If we have a four-wheel drive stuck, we would need more like a four-wheel plus a winch to get unstuck. A yoke of oxen was the biggest thing they had, and I guess they tried with another team, which also got stuck. Thus the loggers had to face losing their means of making a living, and could likely have been bankrupted, as the cost of oxen replacement may have exceeded their available funds. I don't



know the results, as Lawrence only shared the tragedy of the loss of the animals. I can only imagine the overall effect on the families.

Over the years, when traveling Routes 125 or 111-A, I've thought of this tale and viewed it as an isolated case for that particular piece of



land. Lately I've been working in Kingston, replacing a road culvert near the North Danville and Fremont town lines. Not familiar with the local terrain along the river through West Brentwood and Fremont, I never extrapolated tree growth toward these areas west of 125. The

> area along the Exeter River in these towns is one of tremendous White Pine yield and was central to the mast tree selection of the mid-1700s for the King's Navy.

> There are historic markers in Fremont along Route 107 calling attention to the Mast Tree Riot where the locals, dressed as Indians, stood up to the Royal Surveyor and crew, who were trying to sequester the larger trees and logs. It was this marker, and the residual pines, which brought back the memory of Lawrence Lyford's tale of the four oxen lost.

Alex Marcoux with a pair of working steers, shows that the craft of training and using animal power has not faded into history.



# **Brentwood Newsletter Calendar of Events**

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Apr 2	Brentwood Democratic Committee Meeting, 18 Sherman Avenue, 7:00 pm
Apr 3	Board of Selectmen Meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm
Apr 4	Cemetery Trustees Meeting, Town Office, 5:00 pm
Apr 5	Planning Board Meeting, Town Office, 7:00 pm
Apr 9	Budget Committee Meeting, Town Office, 7:00 pm
Apr 10	Port & Plum Olive Oil & Vinegar Tasting, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Apr 11	Conservation Commission Meeting, Town Office, 7:00 pm
Apr 12	"The Conservation Story", Brentwood Historical Society, 7:00 pm
Apr 12	Friends of the Library Meeting, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 12:30 pm
Apr 12	Preston Heller "The Mentalist", Mary E. Bartlett Library, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Apr 14	Rabies Clinic, Brentwood Fire Department, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Apr 15	Deadline to submit items for May BNL (brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com)
Apr 16	Library Board of Trustees Meeting, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 6:00 pm
Apr 17	Board of Selectmen Meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm
Apr 17	Swasey PFG Meeting, Swasey Central School Library, 6:30 pm
Apr 17	Brentwood Gardeners Meeting, Pilgrim Church, Middle Road, 7:00 pm
Apr 19	Planning Board Meeting, Town Office, 7:00 pm
Apr 19	Swasey Central School Kindergarten Information Night, 6:00 pm
Apr 20	Coffee with the Chief, Brentwood Recreation Center, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Apr 21	7th Annual Roadside Cleanup, meet at the Pilgrim Church parking lot, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Apr 24	Recreation Commission Meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm
Apr 25	Seniors Luncheon, Brentwood Recreation Center, 11:00 am
April 23 - 27	School Vacation Week

School District Meeting, Swasey Central School, 6:30 pm

### **ONGOING FREE EVENTS**

### Mary E. Bartlett Library

Apr 2

<u>Knitters Group</u> meets every Tues. from 1-3 pm & Thurs. at 7 pm.

<u>Brentwood Bookers</u> Discussion Group meets on the last Mondaynight of each month at 7 pm (Apr 30th).

# **Brentwood Community Center**

Yoga Movement for Seniors, Free 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10:00 am 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9:00 am Adult Pickleball, Apr 4, 11, 18 SCS Gym, 6:15 - 8:00 pm



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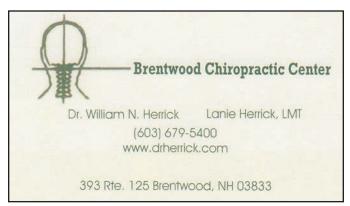
# **Business Card Directory**

What you need may be right in your backyard!

The Business Card Directory is published 3 times a year and is open to all Brentwood businesses and Brentwood resident business owners. Half and full-page business promotions are available in each issue of the *Brentwood Newsletter*. If you would like to be included, please contact us at **brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com**.















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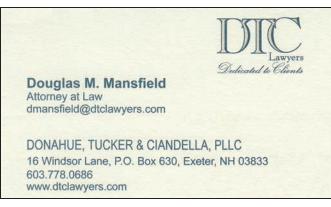












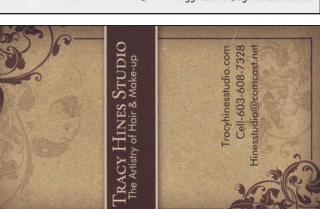


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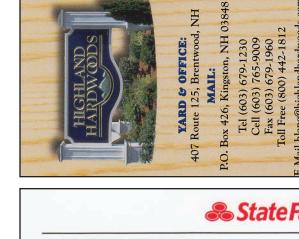
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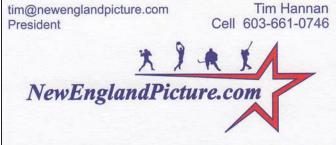
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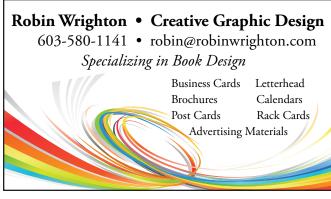
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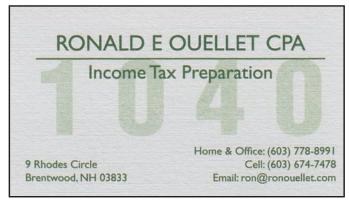






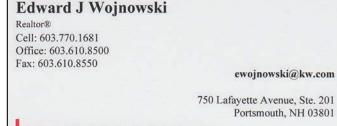
















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